

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated July 12, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Inoue et al., US Publication No. 2003/0063321, ("Inoue"). No claims were allowed.

Applicant has canceled claims 5-8 herein. Except for correction of a typographical error in claim 4, claims 1-4 remain unchanged because applicant respectfully submits that Inoue does not disclose or suggest all the limitations of claims 1-4. As such, applicant is entitled to a patent over Inoue under §102(e).

Inoue discloses an image management system that stores images from a digital camera and, using voice-recognition software, extracts keywords, converts them to text, and attaches them to the image data for title or keyword searches. See the parts of paragraph [0044] quoted by the Examiner in the office action, including a reproduction of Fig. 4. Inoue does not include, teach, or suggest applicant's claimed steps of

"activating retrieval of the image by speaking the associated voice tag;

processing the voice tag input by the voice recognition mechanism of the mobile communication device;

searching stored images for the input voice tag; and

displaying the image associated with the input voice tag."

Nowhere in Inoue is there any description or suggestion of *retrieval* of images using the voice recognition mechanism of a mobile communication device. The Inoue application is entirely directed to systems and methods for storing images using filenames derived from keywords extracted using voice recognition. Voice recognition is only used to set up a title or filename for the image data, not to retrieve. See, for example, paragraph [0052], second sentence

"[T]he voice information setting section 305 correlates one or more extracted keywords (character string data) with the image data as the image data's keywords, and sets one of the keywords as the title . . . of the image data."

The only description of retrieval of an image in Inoue is in the second embodiment, where the image is first sent to remote server 108 and then linked to the keyword-derived title sent later. Image data is searched for and identified as follows

"Users input the image ID and password using a keypad on telephones and the portable communication terminal 104."
(paragraph [0099], last sentence)

Inoue employs a keypad, not voice recognition, to retrieve image data. There is nothing in Inoue that discloses, teaches, or suggests applicant's method steps for image retrieval quoted above. Inoue, therefore, does not describe applicant's claimed invention as defined in remaining claims 1-4. The application, as amended, is, accordingly, fully allowable over the cited art.

This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) requesting a two-month extension, together with a deposit account authorization for the fee therefore.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application, as amended, and asks that it be passed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any deficiencies or overpayments in connection with this filing to Deposit Account No. 19-1457.

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